5. Bombay-Howrah (via Nagpur).

6. Waltair-Kirandol.

7. Madras-Bangalore.

8. Madras-Erode.

9. Kazipet-Hyderabad.

10. Suburban Sections of Madras and Calcutta areas. The electrification of the following major sections has already been sanctioned :

1. Bina-Katni-Bilaspur-Annupur/ Chirimiri.

2. Delhi-Ambala.

3. Sonnagar-Patratu-Gumia.

4. Ludhiana-Ambala-Moradabad.

5. *Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam.*

6. Vijayawada-Waltair.

7. Mughalsarai-Patna-Sitarampur.

8. Renigunta-Guntakal-Hospet.

9. Bokaro Steel City-Bondamunda/ Barsuan/Kiriburu.

10. Bandel-Katwa.

The survey of the following sections for electrifications is in progress. The sanction of these works will be processed through annual works programme, subject to the result of survey, financial viability of the projects and availability of resources :

1. Itarsi-Allahabad (Cheoki) Section of Central Railway.

2. Kharagpur-Waltair section including other associated Branch Lines taking off from Trunk Route.

3. Bangalore-Mysore section after conversion.

4. Mughalsarai-Varanasi-Allahabad Section under gauge conversion.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

गुजरात में रेल इंजन और रेल डिब्बे बनाने वाले कारखाने की स्थापना

4098. **श्री गोपालसिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या गुजरात में आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान रेल इंजन निर्माण और रेल के सवारी-डिब्बों के निर्माण का कारखाना लगाने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इस प्रस्तावित रेल इंजन और रेल के सवारी-डिब्बों का निर्माण करने वाले कारखानों की स्थापना के लिए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतर्गत कितनी धनराशि निर्धारित की गई है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस उद्देश्य के लिए जमीन अर्जित कर ली है और इन परियोजनाओं को गुजरात के किन-किन शहरों में स्थापित किया जाएगा; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Amount Spent on Passenger Amenities by Railways

4099. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the share of total amount spent on passenger amenities by the Railways during 1993-94;

(b) how it compares with that of 1991-92 and 1992-93; and

(c) what are the additional amenities proposed to be provided to Railway Passengers travelling specially by IInd Class and Sleeper class?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) The amount spent in 1993-94 would be known only after the accounts for the year are closed on 31st March, 1994. However, the outlay during 1993-94 is proposed at Rs. 60.00 crores.

(b) The percentages for the years 1991-92 and 1992-93 are 0.63 and 0.73 (provisional) respectively. Figures for the year 1993-94 being not available, comparison is not possible at this stage.

(c) There are no proposals for provision of new additional amenities to Railway Passengers travelling specially by IInd Class and Sleeper Class.

Cost of operation of 'Palace on Wheels'

4100. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the cost of operation of 'Palace on Wheels' train during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what has been the revenue collection

through its operation during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) whether there is any proposal to introduce similar trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Details of expenditure incurred on the operation of 'Palace on Wheels' including its maintenance and the revenue earned therefrom by Railways in the last two years are as under :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Earnings	Expenditure
1991-92	378.50	250.81
1992-93	497.60	302.59

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Freight moved by Railways

4101. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what was the ratio between goods moved by Railways to Roads in 1960, 1970, 1980 and 1990;

(b) whether there is a progressive decline in freight moved by Railways as compared to Roads; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Railways to attract more freight ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Closer coordination with user departments and major industries is being maintained. In addition, steps like quoting station to station rates, revitalising of Freight Forwarder Scheme, introduction of speed Link Express services on additional routes, movement of containerised cargo for both domestic and international market, and special efforts to attract more parcel traffic are some of the efforts being made to attract more freight traffic by the Railways.

Statement

Ratio between goods moved by Railways to Roads is as under

Year	Freight moved by (in billion T Kms)		Percentage share of	
	Railways	Roads	Railways	Roads
1960-61	88	17	83.8	16.2
1970-71	127	57	69.0	31.0
1980-81	159	98	61.9	38.1
1990-91	Regular compilation of rail & road shares in total freight movement is not done. Last time these were compiled by the Steering Committee on Perspective Planning for Transport Development set up by Planning Commission which submitted its report in 1988.			

Freight Operations

4102. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any target for freight operations has been fixed for the quarter ending June, 1993;

(b) if so, the performance made during the period;

(c) the details of steps taken to accelerate freight operation performance of Railways; and

(d) whether any strategy has been prepared to make Railways competitive with the Road Operators ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (in million tonnes)

Target	Actuals
87.50	83.24

(c) and (d) Close co-ordination with user departments and major industries is being maintained, aggressive marketing drives have been undertaken and new growth areas are being explored.

4103. [*Transferred to 23rd August, 1993*]